

Waterloo Rooms, Edinburgh.

1857
NOW EXHIBITING

EVERY DAY AND EVERY EVENING.

POSITIVELY FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY

THE GREATEST WONDER EVER SEEN,
THE

AFRICAN TWINS,

UNITED BY NATURE,

ACCOMPANIED BY

THEIR MOTHER,

Who has recently been

LIBERATED FROM SLAVERY,

Will hold their

Drawing-Room Levees

At the above Rooms, for a Short Time only, previous to their departure
for the Continent.

How poor, how rich, how abject, how august,
How complicate, how wonderful is man;
How passing wonder, He who made him such;
Who centred in our make such strange extremes.
From different natures marvellously mixed;
An heir of glory; a frail child of dust;
Helpless, immortal insect, infinite!
A worm! A God! I tremble at myself.
And in myself am lost.

YOUNG.

Doors Open from 12 till 4, and from 7 to 10 o'Clock.

ADMISSION, from 12 till 4, and from 7 to 10, ONE SHILLING.
CHILDREN, HALF-PRICE.

These interesting children indissolubly united by a mysterious freak of nature, are of African descent, and were born in Columbus County, North Carolina, United States of America. Their parents are persons of more than usual intelligence and piety, being both members of the church. These children are now Five and a-half years old, and are named respectively Christina and Milley Makoi; and their brief history, like the wonderful action of nature which has for ever joined them together, is yet another illustration of the old adage that "truth is stranger than fiction."

In the winter of 1853, Dr Maginley of North Carolina, while on a visit to an old college chum, heard of these children, and upon seeing them, and learning their history, he expressed a desire to purchase and take them to the free states, a desire which was greatly strengthened, when he thought of the wonder which such a curiosity of nature must excite among men of learning and science.

The purchase having been negotiated the children were carried by Dr Maginley to Philadelphia. Unfortunately, however, shortly after he had carried his benevolent intention into effect, the Doctor died, and the poor children were thus thrown destitute on the charity of the world.

The attention of Professor MILLAR having been drawn to their condition, he undertook the charge of them, and made arrangements to proceed with them to Europe, for the purpose of exhibiting them to the learned and curious, intending, if the exhibition should realise a sufficient sum of money, to make these helpless infants the means of ultimately freeing their parents from slavery. Upon the arrival of the children in this country, and after all the preparations for their exhibition had been made, they were stolen from Mr Millar, by a body of prize-fighters, hired in London for the purpose.

In the interim, Mr Millar had opened up communications with his agents in America which have resulted (after putting him to great trouble and expense), in his freeing the mother of the twins from slavery, trusting to be reimbursed for the outlay by the consideration of the public. Monimia, the mother, arrived at Liverpool on the 1st January, in the steam-ship, "Atlantic," Captain Eldridge, and the meeting between the children and their parent, from whom they had been so long separated, was very affecting.

The ablest physicians and naturalists, both of this country and the United States, have pronounced these children the greatest living curiosity, and their manners and appearance are strikingly calculated to make a favourable impression upon the visitor. In fact their lively conversation, cheerful and enlivening songs, &c., evince them to be two of the most interesting and intelligent specimens of the negro race.

The proceeds of the exhibition, after paying expenses, will be applied by Mr Millar, to assist in rescuing from slavery, the Father and the Brothers and Sisters of the United African Twins.

The following Certificate has been kindly given by Professor Lizars:—

"I have this day seen the African Twins. (Girls), 5½ years old, who are united by their backbones. They are sprightly and intelligent, romping with great freedom, speaking English like native children, and singing very sweetly. They are tastefully dressed, and are objects of as much interest as were the Siamese Twins, and from the band of union being lower down the back, the spectator can scarcely believe they are one individual.

"On minute examination the band of union is between 15 and 17 inches in circumference, involving at least the bones of the sacrum and coccyx immovable, and in all probability uniting the sacral nerves and the spinal cords, so as to constitute one individual, or two girls with one nervous system."

(Signed)

JOHN LIZARS,

Late Professor of Surgery to the Royal College of Surgeons, and
Senior Operating Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.
15 South Charlotte Street, 14th Jan., 1857.